

REMARKS

On page 2 of the Final Office Action, claims 1-2, and 4-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Takano et al. in view of Galser and Bastow.


Further, on page 4 of the Final Action, claims 7 and 8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the rejection, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 7 in accordance with the indication of allowance by the Examiner. Accordingly, claim 7 has been canceled, and claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

Therefore, claim 1 is allowable over the cited reference. Other claims directly or indirectly depending from claim 1 are also allowable over the cited reference.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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